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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

JUST STARTING IN.

The numbers of immensely rich ore deposits which have been opened up in southern Nevada during the past few months should go far toward proving to the pessimist that the mining era in southern Nevada, far from being in its last days, is but in its infancy. From all sides, Rawhide, Bullfrog, Round Mountain, Clifford, Wilson, Manhattan, Jefferson and Caprite, come authentic news of new mills contemplated or being built, and of new properties being opened up. The starting of the huge Consolidated mill at Goldfield means more than at first thought appears for the future of that camp, for with ore in sight to run this huge mill for years—ore more than double the value of the ore handled by any other big mill anywhere on earth—the production of the Consolidated is bound to draw the eyes of the investing public back to southern Nevada.

True, there have been many ventures, in the name of southern Nevada, which have given off an unsavory odor, and made the public inclined to put its thumb to its nose and waggle the remaining digits when southern Nevada mines are mentioned. But the mining men of this section of the state—even those who believe in getting money in any way, just so they get it—are realizing from bitter experience that the future of the mining industry depends upon the abolishment of the wildcat. As a consequence, there will not be so much noise made by southern Nevada as in its infancy, but those who are putting money into mining ventures will see to it that the money is spent in actual, intelligent development. With this case, the number of paying mining properties which will be opened within this section of the state during the next two years will be astounding in comparison to the size of the state, and the hardships of prospecting in the desert, and with mines which are actually paying, there will be no lack of coin for the development of likely prospects, for the construction of mills and even smelters. For with the big camps in southern Nevada producing ore which must be smelted, the time will come when co-operative smelters will handle this ore and concentrates, and keep the tribute money which now goes to outside smelters—this tribute money often means the difference between conducting a really meritorious property at a loss or a profit—within the camps. Southern Nevada is through teething and now—watch us grow!

What do you think of a newspaper man who kicks about a merchant sending away for his stationery, and then sends printing out of his town that can be done by other shops in the town. Isn't he a gem? And the local printers are union men.

WOULD CHANGE LOCATION OF THE STATE'S PRISON

There is considerable talk among those who claim to be posted, of an appropriation to be asked for in a sum sufficient for the purchase of the Stewart institute and move the prison to that place. It is claimed to be a more ideal situation, having several hundred acres of land under cultivation with a good water supply and could be made partially self-supporting. It is claimed that several of the buildings there could be used to advantage and that the stone for the walls could be taken out at the present prison site and shipped to the Stewart institute at a nominal cost. To do much more building at the present prison will mean a large amount of excavation and an expense that would in a great measure aid in the refitting of the Indian schools.

Attorney-General Stoddard, when asked in regard to the question stated that he was not prepared to make any statements regarding the matter in an official capacity. "Yes, the matter has been brought to my attention by several who are interested in prison affairs and I have given it some thought. The prison where it is now is many years behind the times and while we have done the best we could to bring it to a perfect standard, you must remember that it takes time and money to accomplish improvements. We have planned several in the way of modernizing, but cannot at this time tell them all to you. You can say, however, that we are intending making a rule to have special days for visitors. As it is now visitors are welcome at all times within reason and this rule is detrimental to the best interests of the prison and a source of trouble to the management.

"The prison is costing about \$100,000 a year and this coming year will need twice the amount. The prison will have to be enlarged, and that at once, as we are already crowded for room. In regard to the Stewart in-

the state to own and then the required change could be made at once. A separate house could be made and furnished for a house of correction and the inmates thereof and more hardened ones. It could be under the same management and would not be as expensive to the state as if a place of that kind should be built and managed independently.

"The question of prison reforms will undoubtedly be brought before the legislature and an appropriation will be asked for to enlarge the prison. The present prison site is not an ideal one and does not compare with that of the Stewart institute. The money that will have to be expended in retting the present prison would go a good way toward building a modern penitentiary at the institute and the question is one fully worth considering."—Carson News.

ITALY IS AFTER COPPER FROM YANKEE MINES

"Italy is to be a great consumer of American crude copper, and for many forms of American patented articles in brass and copper for electrical engineering in connection with comprehensive plans for electrification of steam railways," says the president of a domestic car building corporation.

"For two or three years the Italian government has been taking the advice of prominent American civil and electrical engineers, iron and steel trade experts, railroad traffic managers and car and electric locomotive builders on the matter of the reorganization of the principal railway centers. All the railways north of Milan are to be electrified, and all that are single track are to be double-tracked, to deal with the rapidly increasing traffic.

"The day before I left Milan the head of the greatest copper consuming interest in Italy, told me that Italy will not use less than 50,000,000 pounds of American electrolytic

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"I found a very warm feeling toward the United States in all parts of the kingdom. Within a decade, Italy's trade with our country has assumed large proportions, she is buying more than ever from us, and we are buying more from her. I met a number of the executive officers of electric cable-making plants and chemical manufacturers in Italy who used to consume Chilean copper, but who are using nothing but American electrolytic copper. One cable-making concern is about to place a big contract in this country for electrolytic copper for ocean cables. The metal is to be shipped in February, March, April and May. I understood that the specification would be for 12,000,000 pounds.

"Italy is going to emancipate herself from British coal, and is doing more in hydro-electric power plants than any other country in Europe. At one place, where 5,000,000 pounds of American copper is to be worked up for account of hydro-electric railway and lighting plant, the water of a river is utilized seven times in a descent of two miles. The king of Italy told me that he believes that within ten years there will not be a dozen steam locomotives in Italy engaged in main line traffic."

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MAY BECOME TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF HARVARD NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A report was current among prominent Harvard alumni in this city today that James S. Storrow was to become the immediate successor of Dr. Charles W. Eliot as president of that university, to be succeeded himself within a few months by Nicholas Murray Butler, now president of Columbia. This report could not be confirmed tonight.

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GOOD SHOW TO BE HERE THREE NIGHTS IN JAN'Y

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